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JOSEPH L. SCHOTT

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Q. *There's a book out about the FBI—"No Left Turns," by Joseph L. Schott—I found it hilarious. Can you tell me if it's true? Was J. Edgar Hoover really a dictator? Was the FBI under Hoover really fear-ridden?—F.T., Chicago.*

A. Joseph L. Schott, 54, author of "No Left Turns," was with the FBI for 23 years. "Everything in the FBI," he says, "was Hoover-oriented. Mr. Hoover was the overlord, the supreme being, the one man who had to be pleased in everything. When I was in the organization the basic requirement for promotion was loyalty to J. Edgar Hoover, complete and total obedience. He used to say, 'An idiot can run one of my field offices if he is an obedient idiot.' " Mr. Schott has altered the names in his book, but he claims the material is factual. He now teaches law enforcement in Tarrant County Junior College, Ft. Worth, Tex.